

COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION POLICY RECOMMENDATION

RPD Policy and Procedures 6.3 Personnel Complaint Policy

Rationale for the Policy Recommendation:

As a result of an investigation into a citizen's complaint, it was found that RPD Policy and Procedure 6.3 is in conflict with regard to the criteria for writing reports on non-injury accidents. The Commission also feels that the Police Department should update the policy to reflect the change in technology and the concerns of citizens as expressed in the numbers of complaints received regarding officers not making non-injury accident reports.

Policy Recommendation:

1. P&P 6.3 E and 6.3 C are in conflict with regard to when or if non-injury traffic accidents should be investigated. The Department should eliminate this confusion so that officers have clear, written direction on how to proceed.
2. P&P 6.3 regarding non-injury accidents should be modified so that officers are required to run a drivers license check and, as much as practical, check for a valid insurance policy on the parties involved as part of the protocol.
3. The Police Department should develop cards or pamphlets that officers can give to citizens involved in non-reportable accidents that explain the RPD policy with regard to non-reportable accidents.

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